

Bethany Bells

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“Being, Living as, and Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

June 2022

A Burning Fire

by Pastor Kevin Haug



“2-And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3-Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” Acts 2:2-3

The day of Pentecost. The promised Holy Spirit came and ignited deep within the disciples a burning fire to spread the Gospel—to proclaim the mighty acts of God accomplished in Christ Jesus. It is appropriate that one of the main symbols of this day is a flame.

That flame did not diminish within the disciples as they marched out into the world to share the good news, and it cost them. Most paid with their lives, but for them, it was a small price. What had happened within them because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus could not be silenced; could not be compromised on; could not let them rest. They had to tell. The burning flame had an eternal source of fuel.

That eternal source was the love of God poured out for sinners at the cross. So often, in the church, we tend to focus on what we are supposed to do, and we get tired. There is one more meeting, one more worship service, one more class, one more pot luck, one more activity, one more thing to give to. Fatigue sets in, and the church slows down. When we focus on what we should do.

But if the focus is different; if the focus is on what God has done; if the focus is on God’s great grace and love, then things change. The fire is kindled. The fire grows. The fire overrides exhaustion because there is a mission of great importance. There is a mission that captures our hearts. The news must go out. Lives must be transformed. It cannot be silenced. Be, live as, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let the fire burn.

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Fathers' Day June 19th

On Sunday, June 19, we will recognize and honor fathers and all men of faith during all three worship services.



Car Day

Date: June 4
Time: 9-11 am

Place: Bethany's back parking lot

Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team will be hosting CAR DAY in Bethany's back parking lot. We will check your tire pressure and various fluid levels, inspect your belts and tires for wear, and give a tip or two when we can. Hope to see you there! Also, recommend us to someone who could use this service. Thanks again, and God bless you!

-Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team



SWT Synod Assembly in June June 10 – 12 in New Braunfels

For the first time in 2 years, our Synod Assembly will be in-person following cancellation in 2020 due to COVID.19 and "Zoom only" in 2021. Bethany voting members will be: Paul and Merrily Hartmann, Pastor Kevin, and Pastor Casey. The theme for 2022 is "Got Good News? Go with it!" Speakers will focus on community outreach and impact as well as evangelism. There will also be reports from various teams, election of several positions, budget proposals, workshops, and worship.

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In Our Prayers

Hospital/Clinic/ER:

Stanley Crenwelge
Raynette Kuenemann
Sharon Roarick

Ida Mae Crenwelge
Gary McCready
Kurt Geistweidt

Ongoing:

Carol Eckhardt
Jason Holland

Donald Eckhardt Audrey Gold
Kenna Joy Kramer Billy Leifeste

Holy Baptism:

- Beau Corbin Ristau and Ladd Hunter Ristau were baptized on May 1. They are the sons of Jeremy and Cristal (Wilkinson) Ristau. Bethany grandmother is Annabel Wilkinson.

Sympathy:

- To Kara Anderson at the death of her sister, Lindsay Anderson.

Congratulations:

- Bethany High School Graduates -
John Dulaney Wesley Keener
Grant Pittman Justine Nimitz

LOST and FOUND

We have collected a bunch of unclaimed clothing. Could it be yours??? It will be set out 3 Sundays (June 12-26) by the Fellowship Hall for you to look over. Any clothing unclaimed will be given away!!

Yum!!



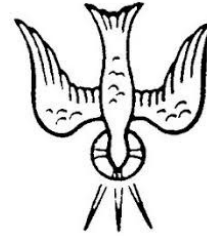
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June Birthdays



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| 1 – Tyde Andrichyn
April Bell
Emily Sandoval
Keith Whited | 16 – Grace Usener
Ben Zesch |
| 3 – Sem Geistweidt
Jim Jinright
Barbara Maner
Callie Rabke | 17 – Devin Baughn
Shyelar Melton-Pritchard
Cameran Whiting |
| 4 – Caitlin Beckmann | 18 – Pat Cleaton
Abigail Ottmers |
| 5 – Teri Ewing
Eldon Ray Feller
Kwirt Roarick | 19 – Jason Smith
Valerie Nimitz-Stokes |
| 6 – Curtis Coolidge
Sheila Deike | 20 – Cora White |
| 7 – Jack Sanchez | 21 – Charles Bierschwale
Dee Dahlstrom
Sheila Donovan
Luke Duderstadt |
| 8 – Caleb Elrod
Aubrey Mechler | 22 – Laura Magee
John Stafford
Nancy Stolpe |
| 9 – Monica Pape
Betsy Pfannstiel | 23 – Megan Barnard
Robert Beckmann
Cole Feller
James Jenschke
Chrissy Nixon |
| 10 – Ted Geistweidt
Jet Itz
Kathy Pancoast | 24 – Vernon Kasch |
| 11 – Jean Lois Mohr
Michele Willis | 25 – Donna Beckmann
Tyler Bull
Krystle Schnelle |
| 12 – Willow Elrod
Gary Geistweidt
Courtney Mechler | 26 – Taffy Cameron
Cristel Feller
Kari Rumbaugh |
| 13 – Denise Mosel | 27 – Andrew Eilers
Emma Slaughter |
| 15 – Amanda Iverson
Wes Luckenbach
Travis Pape
Bubba Schnelle | 29 – Dacey Kunz |
| 16 – Chris Bertelson | 30 – Allyson Beckmann |



Pentecost — June 5th Wear Red!!

The “third” major festival of the church year—after Easter and Christmas—is the Day of Pentecost which falls 50 days after Easter (thus “pente”). It was originally a Jewish holiday celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the “Feast of Weeks” and the “Feast of 50 days.” Which is why Jerusalem was full of tourists, including Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Asians, Egyptians, and Libyans. On that day described in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended upon disciples of Jesus with wind and fire, and they spoke in other languages. They proclaimed Jesus as Savior and Lord... as we still do today, by the power of the same Holy Spirit. As a festive sign of this great festival, let’s all wear red June 5!



June & July Sunday School News:



- Sunday School recesses for children and youth – no classes until Rally Day on August 21. (Do come to Day Camp & special events!)
- No Breakfast Bar.
- Transitions Class and Legacy Builders class will not meet again until August.
- Adult Bible Class will meet in June.
- Watch for special young adult & family events during the summer.



GriefShare – from Mourning to Joy

Bethany was blessed to have led a GriefShare workshop this Spring. Ours finished on May 26, but we were pleased to learn that two other churches in town will be offering this grief support group as well. St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a class beginning on May 31, with a session every Tuesday from 10:00—noon. In the Fall, both St. Mary's and the Hill Country Church will offer the class, Tuesday from 10-noon at St. Mary's and Sunday afternoons at Hill Country Church. You can check with them about more details to attend the classes. Bethany will hold a new class next Spring, so watch for more details as we get to the end of the year.



Graduates Honored May 22

Bethany recognized our graduates during worship services on Sunday, May 22nd. Members who graduated are:

- John Dulaney
- Wesley Keener
- Justine Nimitz
- Grant Pittman

Congratulations and God's Blessings to you in this next phase of your journey!
(See p. 18 for a picture of our graduates!!)



June 2022 Assisted Living Nursing Home Communion

Location	Day	Time	Location	Day	Time
Knopp Assisted	Wed. 6/1	9:30	Villages of Windcrest	Wed. 6/8	9:45
Knopp #2	Wed. 6/1	10:30	FBG NH	Wed. 6/8	10:45
Heritage Place	Thur. 6/2	9:30	Knopp RC	Thur. 6/9	9:30
Windcrest	Thur. 6/2	10:30	Knopp #1	Thur. 6/9	10:30

Bethany: January/April/July/October
Holy Ghost: March/**June**/September/December
Zion: February/May/August/November

Celeste Care

*Dan Mittel

Villages of Windcrest

*Marion Welgehausen *Gloria Brooks *Audelle Burkey

FBG NURSING HOME

KNOPP HEALTHCARE & REHAB CTR (#1)

*Robert & Bambi Walter *Brandi Welgehausen

KNOPP RETIREMENT

*Clarence Rose

KNOPP (#2)

* Betty Grinke *Ruby May Stahl

KNOPP Assisted Living Care Center

*Susan Weinheimer

WINDCREST NURSING & REHAB

*Genevieve Ketron

June 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP COMMUNION

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
Sun. June 5	8:15	James Hartmann, Judy Jones
	10:30	Constance & Jim Schultz, Jean Weber
Sun. June 12	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. June 19	8:15	Todd Keener, Shirley Sagebiel
	10:30	Keith & Eileen Whited, Caroline Stafford
Sun. June 26	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion

Stay Informed



- Text messages for updates & prayer; to join the Bethany group, text: **@bethanytx2** to **81010**
- After hours, listen to our office phone's voice message about upcoming worship.
- Those on our email prayer chain will also occasionally receive updates about changes in schedules.



Free Piano!!!

Bethany currently has an over-abundance of pianos. We would like to offer a piano to anyone interested. It is a blonde piano in room #209. The piano is free, however anyone taking ownership

will be responsible for any costs associated with moving the piano. Please speak with Layne or one of the Pastors for more information.



Bethany Women Joint Circle Luncheon

Date: Sunday, June 5th

Time: 11:45 a.m.

**Place: the home of Karen Oestreich
204 W. Orchard St.**

Food will be a box lunch from Clear River Pecan Company. (Deadline to reserve lunch is May 22!)

Contact your circle leader to sign up.

Leah Circle—Constance Schultz jcr2@ctesc.net

Hope Circle—Teri Ewing tnbecker@yahoo.com

Lydia Circle—Dorcella Sunday sundaydorcella@yahoo.com

Price of the meal is \$12.00 & will be collected on the day of the gathering.

Our speaker will be Cheryl Rowan.

**All Women
are invited**

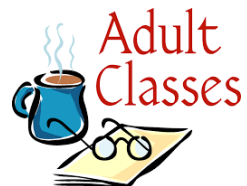




Summer Sunday Schedule

Adult Classes @ 9:20 Sundays

Adult Bible Class -



The Adult Bible Class meets in the overflow area at the **back** of the sanctuary with the pastors. They will be continuing the study of “The Lutheran Difference” and focusing on “Baptism”. People of all ages are welcomed! Please come join us!

Transitions Class—



The Transitions class is for anyone who enjoys a highly interactive class where

all thoughts and ideas are welcome. The class meets in room 205 (triple room) at 9:20 a.m. **The Transitions class will not be meeting in June or July but will start up again in August.** Please join us then for lively discussions on various topics related to life and faith.

Legacy Builders (young adults class)-

The Legacy Builders class meets downstairs in room 115 starting at 9:20 am. **The Legacy Builders class will not be meeting in June or July but will start up again in August.** Please join us at that time for breakfast bar, fellowship and studies seeking guidance for life's decisions.



June 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Sun. June 5	8:15	Sandra Kammlah captain, Clara Kozielski, Tom Pahl, Jerald Klett
	10:30	Kenneth Treibs, captain Jaye Treibs, Jennifer Jenschke, James Jenschke
Sun. June 12	8:15	Todd Keener, captain, Wesley Keener
	10:30	Oliver Deike, captain Mary Alice Deike
Sun. June 19	8:15	Beth Luckenbach, captain, Jerry Luckenbach, Scott & Judy Brundridge
	10:30	Ted Geistweidt, captain Nancy Geistweidt, Lyle Johansen, Kevin Kunz
Sun. June 26	8:15	Dwight Oestreich, captain Joyce Robertson
	10:30	Willard Dearing, captain Kyle Kneese

Thank You

Bethany Family,

Wow! What an amazing day we had on our first potluck for 2022 and celebrating my retirement from Bethany Preschool. I was overwhelmed at the beautiful tributes by Pastor Casey, Pastor Kevin, and Sean Doerre, VP of Bethany Preschool. The food was delicious with Karen Oestreich and Fellowship Team for the beautiful set up. BBQ pork was prepared by Dwight Oestreich and crew. Thank you, Pastor Casey, Pastor Kevin, Sean, Karen and Fellowship Team, Dwight and crew, BPS staff, BPS Board, and Bethany family for your hugs, encouraging words, beautiful cards, tokens of appreciation, prayers, delicious food, and beautiful flowers for making this day special!

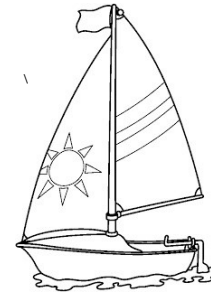
June 2022 PRAISE & WORSHIP (10:30)

	Leader Kid's Message	HOSTS	Communion Assistants Prayer Minister
Sun. June 5	Kay Stech Kay Stech	Merrily Hartmann Linda Pape	No Communion Carl Schoessow
Sun. June 12	Ken Smith Ken Smith	Jackie Kneese Larry Ahrens	Jaye Treibs (2) Mary & Steve Evans Ken Smith
Sun. June 19	Mary Evans Mary Evans	Merrily Hartmann Vic Nixon	No Communion Mary Evans
Sun. June 26	Beth Luckenbach Beth Luckenbach	Kathy & Mark Marquart	Vic & Marion Nixon Steve & Mary Evans Beth Luckenbach



Global Leadership Summit 2022

The Global Leadership Summit is coming to town on August 4-5. Twelve-plus world class leadership speakers will present their latest and best live via satellite at the high school auditorium. As the tag line goes, "when a leader gets better, everyone around them gets better," and that goes for leadership for self, marriage, parenting, church, business and community as various high performance leaders from various disciplines share. Enjoy this top-notch conference without travel or hotel expenses at the low cost of \$179 per person through June 15. After than the price increases to \$229. Visit <https://globalleadership.org/global-leadership-summit> for more info and to register.



Lifeboat Log : June 2022

In case you did not see the fine article in the Standard , we have another little free food pantry in town (sponsored by the Salvation Army, and located at Memorial Presbyterian Church). Bethany members can be happy that our Lifeboat has been a model for at least 3 other pantries in Fredericksburg, and that all lend a helping hand and tangible demonstration of God's love to our neighbors in need. Thank you for your continued support of Lifeboat! It has been a blessing to so many in its 2+ years of operation.

-Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team
(B.O.A.T.)



To my Bethany Family,
Heartfelt thanks for
your kindness after the
sudden death of my sis-
ter, Lindsay.

I am blessed to
know such compassionate Christians. My
family and I thank you sincerely for your ex-
pressions of sympathy.

Love and Hugs,
Kara Anderson





175th Anniversary ReCap

Thanks to everyone who made this year's 175th Anniversary of Fredericksburg celebration weekend a memorable one—even though it was technically a year late due to COVID.

Thursday's worship service saw many Bethany members worshipping and experiencing the Prayer in Four Languages, Jeryl Hoover's moving sermon, and an amazing choir piece of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" in German. Pastors Casey and Kevin participated in the worship, and we had several members singing in the choir including Dieter Kemper, Journie Lombardi, Justine Nimitz, and Grant Pittman (apologies if we missed anyone).

Friday Pastor Casey led a prayer at the Lasting Friendship Ceremony at the fairgrounds.

Saturday and Sunday, our own Hennig Haus was used to display many artifacts and items celebrating Lutheran Religious History in Fredericksburg. Many thanks to the Bethany members who served as docents on those two days.

Fredericksburg is a unique community in that faith has been central to its life. The Vereins Kirche was the first public building built as our founders recognized how important faith is to a community. We at Bethany are proud to continue this heritage of our forefathers and foremothers. In 24 years, we hope to be leading in the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of our community.

Pastor Kevin Haug

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grow as teachers and administration together. Pray for our program as we implement new curriculum this coming fall. Help us to improve our classrooms as we strive to provide our students with high quality and hands-on learning experiences. Pray for the growth of the preschool through the capital campaign. Help us work towards helping our community and the incredible need for childcare, especially for children with disabilities, infants and toddlers.

"Give thanks in all circumstances" I have been an early childhood special education teacher for 14 years! I am thankful for every student, paraprofessional, administrator and teaching team I have had the pleasure of working with over the years! I am thankful to have had experience working with children with disabilities, and will strive to make Bethany Preschool a fully inclusive learning environment for students of all abilities. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to use my experience in early childhood, and with mentoring new teachers, to benefit and enhance Bethany Preschool.

Thank you to all Bethany members for your love, support, time, prayers and encouragement that you give the preschool program! Thank you also, Bethany members, for your love and encouragement as I take on this new role!

"for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" - Heavenly Father, help us to continue Bethany Preschool's mission to "Share the love of Christ and nurture the whole child- spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically- through age-appropriate education". Amen!

God be with you! - Cheryl Flink





A Few Words from our BPS Director: Cheryl Flink

Howdy!

My name is Cheryl Flink and I am having so much fun as the new director of Bethany Lutheran Preschool! I would like to introduce myself using the words of my favorite bible verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

"Be joyful always!" My family is the JOY of my life! We moved to Fredericksburg in 2013 to build our home on family land that my German ancestors developed in the 1800s. My husband, Danny, is the Healthy Living Manager at H-E-B. We have three children: Thomas (12), Ethan (10) and Millie (7). We love exploring the ranch, playing games, and traveling.

I want to make coming to Bethany Preschool a JOY for the students! My hope is that when an observer walks into our school, he or she will see the students playing. The key to success in teaching is to create an opportunity for the children to have so much fun, that they do not even realize they are learning. Every day, students are found "playing" in centers that are focused on developing the skills found in the Texas Pre-Kindergarten guidelines. Centers are rotated and updated frequently throughout the school year in order to match our themes. Each center is designed to develop oral language, and skills such as cognitive, fine motor, writing and social emotional through play.

"Pray continually" Pray for Bethany Preschool moving forward!

Pray for our students and their families as we bring in new students for the summer and fall. Pray for our staff as we have new opportunities in the classroom. Help us as a staff to continue to learn and

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Special Offering for June Crosstrails Ministry.

Our SWT Synod's Lutheran camping program is called "Cross Trails Ministry" and includes Camp Chrysalis (Kerrville), Ebert Ranch (Harper), as well as many off-site and congregational programs for children, youth, and adults. Bethany has been a supporter of these camping ministries for decades, not only through financial gifts but through several work projects on site.

To make a special offering, simply use the envelope in your member packet or mark a pew envelope "Cross Trails" on Sunday mornings in June. Checks should be made out to "Bethany Lutheran Church."



June 2022 Altar Guild

Traditional:

Marjorie Ottmers, Linda McCann

Contemporary:

Tuttie Geistweidt,
Jennifer Jenschke

Brother Steward

Around the Block.

Around the World

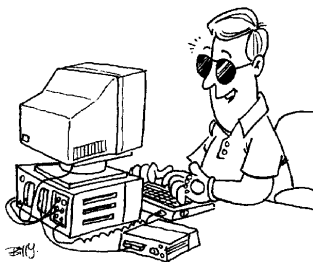
Centuries ago, we Brothers would have given the sackcloth off our backs for a Smartphone or an Ipad. We were limited in what we could do and who we could help because all poverty was local; it was just beyond the walls of our Monastery. Our Facebook was a face-to-face look at the needy.



Our tweets were the chapel bells signaling the soup kitchen was open. Our social network was word-of-mouth usually saying, "Can you help me?" Today, we can help people around the block and around the world. **Stewardship is unlimited.**

Right here at our church we can text and tweet a prayer, a worship schedule, a ministry meeting, a plea for help, or a thanks for a good deed. We can support our church with online giving, search out local charities and foreign missions, and find volunteer opportunities. Instantaneously, we can contact our own outreach ministries. It is ironic that the "apple" in the Garden of Eden that led to damnation is the trademark for devices that can be the salvation for millions of the world's poor. The Lord gave us many gifts to use wisely. Technology is one of them.

God Bless.



Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z
— — — — — — — — — — —
V Q K R F D Y J O V V
— — — — — — — — — — — — — —
C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R
— — — — — — — — — —, — — — —
R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X
— — — — — — — — — — — —
C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.
— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this. _____

Before using this, you must break it. ____

This falls without getting hurt. _____

This gets bigger the more you take away. _____

This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun

BLC Dollars & Cents General Fund Budget

April 2022

Income \$81,967.43 Income—Year \$257,696.69

Expenses \$60,753.64 Expenses—Year \$239,742.64

Surplus year to date—\$17,954.05

Balances Other Funds—April 2022

Designated Accounts: \$275,860.66

Capital Improvement/Hennig Fund: \$168,220.55

Pre School Building Fund: \$216,470.50

Emergency Aid Fund (Chase): \$10,337.03

PNC-Money Market Account Balance \$106,800.48

ELCA Loan Fund (Investment Account) \$35,000.00

First United Bank (CD-Hein Estate Gift) \$106,199.44

First United Bank (Savings-Hein Estate Gift) \$60,718.26

Edward Jones (Dr. Stein Estate Gift) \$272,139.51

Monthly Special Offerings-2022

January—Der Stadt Friedhof- \$3,763.00

February—HC Needs Council—\$2,290.00

March—Rainbow Trail Camp—\$2,270.00

April —Synod Assembly—\$1,360.00



Bulletin Announcements on Website

Want to see the Sunday bulletin and announcements? They're both posted each week on our website—the first items on the page:

www.bethanyfbg.com

Don't have internet? Stop by the church during the week for a copy. If you'd like to stay in your car, call and we'll bring one out to you!



- **No** WELCA board meeting in June.
- **No** Leah Circle meeting in June.
- **No** Hope Circle meeting in June
- **No** Lydia Circle meeting in June.
- **June 8—9:00 am** Quilters meet in the quilting/choir room downstairs.

***Monthly offering for May went to
Meals on Wheels****

WELCA Spring Retreat/ Joint Circle Gathering

Sunday, June 5th at the home of Karen Oestreich
See p. 5 for more details.



Yes, The WELCA ladies will sell coffee, chocolate and tea in June!!

It's for a great cause. The money raised helps to pay for the shipping of quilts, baby kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

To make it more convenient, we have set up a table in the narthex at church with a donation box. We hope you will stop by and pick up a bag or two and some chocolate bars. Any questions? Contact

Debbie Tiemann 456-6946 or email at :
rtiemann1@austin.rr.com

Coffee—Whole Bean, Ground, Kcups—\$10.00	
Boxed Tea—\$4	Chocolate Chips—\$5
Hot Cocoa & Baking Cocoa—\$8	Chocolate Bars—\$4

Bethany Congregation,



Thank you for supporting our Texas Made, Texas Raised event with your generous contributions. Thank you for sponsoring tables for your guests, purchasing tickets, donations, participating in our wine pull, silent and Big Board auction, to our donors for silent auction items and for helping set up and tear down our venue. Lastly, Thank you Pastor Casey and Pastor Kevin for your continued support.

Proceeds from the event this year will be earmarked for furnishing for our proposed new building.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully, Texas Made Co-Chairs:

Casie Ward, Keri Hensley
Jessica Schulz, Joyce Richey



June 6, 1:00pm—6:00(ish)pm At Bethany

South Dakota Pre-Retreat

Youth & adults will gather on June 6 for a retreat, before we head to our mission trip at the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. We'll be talking about expectations & goals for the trip, as well as preparing for the cultural differences we may encounter. We'll do some learning, have some fun, and end with a meal together.



SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER



(CURRENT) 6th & 7th Grade—Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, June 11-18

Adults Going: Layne Petty, Elisa Pittman, Kiesha Priem, Hillary Rabke

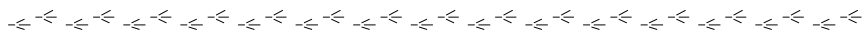
Kids Going: Hattie Bailey, Thomas Flink, Eliana Graham, Zane Huff, Mitchell Jones, Micaella Petty, Garryn Pittman, Holly Rabke, Halston Staudt, Bailee Treibs, Mason Williams



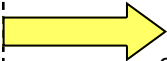
(CURRENT) 8th—12th Grade—Mission Trip to Eagle Butte, South Dakota, (Cheyenne River Reservation) With Next Step Ministries June 25-July 3 (See p. 21 for Pre-retreat info.)

Adults Going: Danielle Geistweidt, Noah Greene, Kiesha Priem, Elizabeth White

Kids Going: Will Bryla, Grayson Crenwelge, Emma Geistweidt, Sydney Geistweidt, Austin Greene, Jonah Greene, Journie Lombardi, Andrew Pyka, Clara Quay, Eli Quay, Jaren Quay, Jake White, Nathan White



(CURRENT) 2nd-5th Grade—Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, July 24-29



If you're interested in spending a fun & faith filled week at camp, we need at least ONE other adult to come to camp!

Bethany will pay your camp fees. Please talk with Kiesha!!!

Adults Going: Kiesha Priem

Kids Going: Klara Atkins, Emma Baughn, Nolan Baughn, Evie Cox, Jordan Cox, Autumn Elrod, Emma Elrod, Willow Elrod, Ethan Flink, Mila Fowler, Calen Holland, Amillia Moellering, Zane Oestreich, Atley Schulz, Kamryn Sieckmann, Andrew Stehling, Abigail Warriner



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Council Highlights—

May 17, 2022



- The council approved financial audit proposal for Bethany congregation and Bethany Preschool.
- The council approved the purchase of new microphones for both Praise & Worship and Traditional worship.
- The council agreed with the Worship Committee's recommendation of keeping the summer worship schedule the same as the present schedule.
- The council heard the schedule of summer youth activities from CYFM minister Kiesha Priem.

Dear Bethany Friends,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful acts of kindness, care and support following my fall and resultant surgery.

Your prayers, texts, phone calls, emails, get-well cards, ladybug pillow & the preparation of delicious meals were deeply appreciated.

Tom, as well, appreciated your support, especially the meals. He has been a good nurse, chauffeur, fetcher, etc... Thank you Tom, also!

My physical therapy is scheduled through May and I look forward to being back to "normal" soon and hopefully, fully recovered!

A special thank you to Pastor Ray for his visit to the hospital & when I was recovering at home. We appreciate you bringing communion to us.

Thank you! Thank you again and in grateful appreciation from the bottom of my heart,

In Love and Peace,
Sharon Roarick



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Don't Let Your Offerings Take a Holiday

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done!

Enroll in electronic giving: Use the congregation's online giving portal to regularize your gift, tithe or offering.

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current. Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched, and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

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SUMMER DAY CAMP AT BETHANY

We are so excited to be able to have Day Camp with Cross Trails Ministry at Bethany this summer! (This is, essentially, our VBS.) Day Camp is put on by Bethany, using Cross Trails Ministry Camp Staff to lead programs during the week. It is for kids who are **CURRENTLY FINISHING** kinder-5th grade, with volunteer opportunities for older kids and adults.

When: July 18-22, 2022

Who: (KIDS CURRENTLY FINISHING) Kinder—5th grade! 6th—12th grade and adults are welcome to volunteer. (Check with Kiesha)!!!

Theme: Ready, Set, Go! Exploring Faith Practices

We plan to keep our "usual" half-day schedule, from 8:00-12:15 pm during the week of Day Camp.

We are very blessed to be able to fund Day Camp so that it is FREE for participants

NEW THIS YEAR: Registration will be online only!

<https://crosstrails.org/congregational-day-camp/>





***Congratulations
To our 2022
Graduates!!***

God's Blessings to our
Bethany Graduates (&
pastors!!) (l to r)
Justine Nimitz, Kiesha
Priem, Pastor Kevin
Haug, Wesley Keener.
Not pictured:
John Dulaney &
Grant Pittman



***Baccalaureate 2022
at First Baptist Church, Fredericksburg***



Bethany Photo Gallery



We celebrated with these Confirmands who affirmed their
Faith in front of Bethany & their families on May 8th.
Row 1—Kiesha Priem, Kevin Haug Jr., Dawson Holland, Emma
Geistweidt, Sydney Geistweidt. Row 2—Pastor Casey Zesch,
Jake White, Austin Greene, Jaycee Treibs, Brooklyn Schnelle,
Pastor Kevin Haug.



Corbin Boesl, Knox Padgett, Zach Davis, Mason Rode,
Kendyll Petty & Trenton Schnelle working on
Resurrection Butterflies during Faith Foundations.

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